Anti-Rabies Vaccine

2282. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Abhayarab, an anti-rabies vaccine manufactured by M/s Human Biological Institute, Udayamangalum, Tamil Nadu has been found to be of a substandard quality; and

(b) if so, the action taken against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Blacklisted companies supplying spurious drugs

2283. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Karnataka Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals Limited has been blacklisted by certain State Governments for supplying spurious drugs; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take against this company and other defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the feedback available from Drugs Control Administration, Karnataka, M/s Karnataka Antibiotics and Pharmaceutical' Ltd. has not been blacklisted by Karnataka State Government for supplying spurious drugs.

(b) Does not arise.

Prevention of break out of contagious diseases during the rainy season

2284. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many contagious diseases break out during the rainy season in the country;

(b) the preventive measures being undertaken by Government to prevent these diseases;

(c) whether Government have made out any contingency plans to contain these diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Seasonal rise of water and vector borne diseases is normally observed with the start of rainy seasons. Adequate health care facilities are available at various Government Hospitals for treatment of the patients, mainly the needy, suffering from these diseases. For prevention and control of various such diseases like Malaria, Filaria etc. A National Health Programme such as National Anti-Malaria Programme has been in operation in the country as a Centrally soponsored Scheme. In order to identify the early warning signals of outbreaks of these diseases, National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases is in operation in 101 districts. Under the Tenth Five Year Plan, an Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme is envisaged to strengthen the mechanism of surveillance of various diseases in the country.

Medical college in Gujarat

2285. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has represented to start a Medical College in Mehsana District;

(b) if so, whether the permission to start the college has been considered; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No proposal has been received from Government of Gujarat for starting a Medical College at Mehsana District.

(b) to (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.